



RESURRECTION EGGS FOR PRESCHOOLERS



How to Create Resurrection Eggs

To create your own set of Resurrection eggs, print the attached illustration and cut out each square, then place each square in a plastic Easter egg. There are also optional items listed on specific days that you can gather or prepare to represent that step in the resurrection.

How to Use Resurrection Eggs

EGG HUNT

All of the Resurrection eggs can be used as part of your family, church or classroom Easter egg hunt to tell the full resurrection story. Simply use them to hide as part of your Easter egg hunt. When the egg hunt is complete and the plastic eggs are opened, collect the resurrection eggs in order (1-12) and share what each egg represents.

12-DAY FAMILY EASTER DEVOTION

Another idea for using Resurrection eggs is by preparing the eggs and placing them in a basket or bowl to open as a family for 12 days leading up to Easter. This will provide parents with the ability to utilize a shorter portion of the resurrection story to use as a family devotion and offers more time to teach and discuss each related bible verse.

Tip: Label the outside of each plastic egg with the number for that day (1-12).

RESURRECTION EGGS DEVOTIONS

1. Donkey

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, the people shouted "Hosanna!" and "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." They believed He was the special person sent by God that had been promised in the scripture for hundreds of years.

Matthew 21:1-11

2. Bread & Cup

Jesus joined His disciples in a special place to share a final Passover meal with them. As He shared the bread and wine (or juice) He asked them to remember what He was about to do.

Matthew 26:17-30

3. Prayer

Jesus went with some of His disciples to the garden to pray. He did not want to die on the cross but Jesus prayed and told God that He would obey whatever God wanted Him to do.

Matthew 26:36-45

4. Coins

As Jesus prayed, one of His disciples named Judas led the Roman soldiers to Jesus. In exchange for a bag of gold coins, Judas told the soldiers where Jesus could be found.

Matthew 26:14-16

5. Nails

Jesus was condemned to die and was nailed to a cross. *John 20:24-29*

6. Three Crosses

There were two other criminals who were condemned to die on crosses that day for stealing. One of the thieves recognized that Jesus was the special Son of God. Because he believed in Jesus, Jesus told the thief that he would soon be in Heaven with Him. *Luke 23:32-43*

7. Darkness

(Optional: Use illustration or paint the inside of the egg black) As Jesus died, the sky grew as black as night. When Jesus died there was an earthquake and the curtain in the temple was torn in half. *Matthew 27:45-54*

8. Bandages & Spices

(Optional: Use illustration or gauze and kitchen spices) Jesus' friends cared for His body and buried Him in a tomb, which was like a small cave. *Mark 15:42-16:1*

9. Stone

(Optional: Use illustration or a small rock) A large stone was rolled in front of the tomb, like a door. Soldiers were placed there to make sure that no one could take the body. *Matthew 27: 57-66*

10. Empty

(Optional: Use illustration or paint the inside of the egg white or gold) On Sunday morning, some women who were special friends of Jesus went to the tomb and discovered that the stone had been rolled away and Jesus was gone. An angel told them the good news that Jesus had risen from the dead and was alive. *Matthew 28: 1-10*

11. Bible

We know that this story is true because we can read it in the Bible. We know that everything in the Bible is true.

12. World

It is our job to tell the world that Jesus is alive. *Matthew 28:16-20*

